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Summary: New position at Minnesota GreenCorps focuses on water conservation

(February 13, 2012)-Water management and conservation efforts are getting a boost at the University of Minnesota, Morris because of the efforts of student Jodie Roy '12, Brooks. Roy took on a new role with the Morris GreenCorps program, in which she will conduct outreach and education activities on storm water management and water conservation.

She said she is looking forward to reaching both the Morris campus and the community as a whole. "The position is exciting because it explores both surface runoff and water conservation," Roy said. "Managing water out of the tap and out of the sky is a big job. Morris has already taken steps in both of these areas, but there is more progress to make."

She is currently in an assessment phase, studying current campus and community storm water plans and practices, as well as investigating management and conservation work at other campuses and communities.

Each campus is different, "Morris will have a much different plan than Duluth, for example we're so flat and they have so many hills," Roy said. Additionally, Roy is taking steps to form a water working group on campus similar to the composting group that started last year.

The Minnesota GreenCorps is an environmentally focused AmeriCorps program administered by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). This program is funded through a grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service with additional support from ServeMinnesota. Partnering in this program is University of Minnesota, Morris Center for Small Towns.

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